

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation has used disproportionate force in the bombings of civilian targets in Chechnya which has resulted in the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians and the displacement of well over 250,000 others;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation has refused to engage in negotiations with the Chechen resistance toward a just peace and instead has charged Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov with armed mutiny and issued a warrant for his arrest;

Whereas Russian authorities deny access to regions in and around Chechnya by the international community, including officials of the United Nations, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Council of Europe, and maintain a virtual ban on access to Chechen civilians by media and international humanitarian organizations, including the International Federation of the Red Cross;

Whereas these restrictions severely limited the ability of these organizations to ascertain the extent of the humanitarian crisis and to provide humanitarian relief;

Whereas even limited testimony and general investigation by international organizations credibly reported widespread looting, summary executions, detentions, denial of safe passage to fleeing civilians, torture and rape committed by Russian soldiers;

Whereas there are credible reports of specific atrocities committed by Russian soldiers in Chechnya, including the rampages in Alkhan-Yurt where 17 persons were killed in December 1999 and in the Staropromyslovsky district of Grozny where 44 persons were killed in December 1999; and the rapes of Chechen prisoners in the Chernokosovo detention camp;

Whereas these credible reports indicate clear violations of international human rights standards and law that must be investigated, and those responsible must be held accountable; and

Whereas United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson proposed on February 20, 2000, the prosecution of Russian military commanders for overseeing "executions, tortures, and rapes"; and

Whereas the Senate expresses its concern over the conflict and humanitarian tragedy in Chechnya, and its desire for a peaceful resolution and durable settlement to the conflict: Now, therefore, be it.

Resolved, That it is the Sense of the Senate that—

(1) the Government of the Russian Federation—

(A) immediately cease its military operations in Chechnya and initiate negotiations toward a just peace with the leadership of the Chechen Government, including President Aslan Maskhadov;

(B) allow into and around Chechnya international missions to monitor and report on the situation there and to investigate alleged atrocities and war crimes;

(C) allow international humanitarian agencies immediate full and unimpeded access to Chechen civilians, including those in refugee, detention and so called "filtration camps" or any other facility where citizens of Chechnya are detained; and

(D) investigate fully the atrocities committed in Chechnya including those alleged in Alkhan-Yurt, and Grozny, and initiate prosecutions against those officers and soldiers accused.

(2) the President of the United States of America—

(A) should promote peace negotiations between the Government of the Russian Fed-

eration and the leadership of the Chechen Government, including President Aslan Maskhadov, through third party mediation by the OSCE, United Nations or other appropriate parties;

(B) endorse the call of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for an investigation of alleged war crimes committed by the Russian military in Chechnya; and

(C) should take tangible steps to demonstrate to the Government of the Russian Federation that the United States strongly condemns its brutal conduct in Chechnya and its unwillingness to find a just political solution to the conflict in Chechnya.

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 824

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a star print of S. 824 be made with the changes that are at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2000

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 12 noon on Monday, February 28. I further ask consent that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators speaking for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator DURBIN, or his designee, from 12 noon until 1 p.m.; Senator THOMAS, or his designee, from 1 to 2 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BROWNBAC. Following morning business, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume consideration of S. 1134 and that the majority leader be immediately recognized.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. BROWNBAC. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at 12 noon on Monday and will be in a period of morning business until 2 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume debate on the education savings accounts legislation. As a reminder, cloture was filed on the bill today with the cloture vote scheduled to occur at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29. Pursuant to rule XXII, all first-degree amendments must be filed by 1 p.m. on Monday. For the information of all Senators, the leader has announced there will be no rollcall votes during Monday's session of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2000

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:55 p.m., adjourned until Monday, February 28, 2000, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive Nominations Received by the Senate February 24, 2000:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PATRICK FRANCIS KENNEDY, OF ILLINOIS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, VICE GEORGE EDWARD MOOSE.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

NINA V. FEDOROFF, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2006, VICE CLAUDIA I. MITCHELL-KERNAN.

DIANA S. NATALICIO, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2006. (RE-APPOINTMENT)

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASSES INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER:

MATTIE R. SHARPLESS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

PETER O. KURZ, OF MARYLAND
KENNETH J. ROBERTS, OF MISSOURI

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

ALLAN P. MUSTARD, OF WASHINGTON
HOWARD R. WETZEL, OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED, AND ALSO FOR THE OTHER APPOINTMENTS INDICATED HEREWITH:

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS TWO, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NANCY M. MCKAY, OF VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BRIAN I. MCCLEARY, OF VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FRANK JOSEPH LEDAHAWSKY, OF WEST VIRGINIA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MARGARET MCFADDIN HARRITT, OF VIRGINIA
DIANE M. LEACH, OF VIRGINIA
CARRIE A. THOMPSON, OF CONNECTICUT
ANNETTE ELIZABETH TUEBNER, OF VIRGINIA
ROGER YOCHELSON, OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JAMES F. SULLIVAN, OF FLORIDA
MARILYN J. TAYLOR, OF TEXAS

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DONNA MICHAELS, OF WASHINGTON
SUSAN BUTLER NIBLOCK, OF TENNESSEE

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PATRICIA O. ATTKISSON, OF VIRGINIA
 COURTNEY E. AUSTRIAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 VEOMAYOURY BACCAM, OF IOWA
 DOUGLASS R. BENNING, OF NEW YORK
 MARIA E. BREWER, OF INDIANA
 KERRY L. BROUGHAM, OF CALIFORNIA
 JULIE J. CHUNG, OF CALIFORNIA
 CARMELA A. CONROY, OF WASHINGTON
 JOSEPH GALLAZZI, OF FLORIDA
 DAVID J. GREENE, OF NEW YORK
 RAYMOND F. GREENE, III, OF MARYLAND
 DEBORAH GUIDO-O'GRADY, OF VIRGINIA
 JANE J. HELLER, OF CALIFORNIA
 CHARLES W. LEVESQUE, OF ILLINOIS
 ALAN D. MELTZER, OF NEW YORK
 DAVID TIMOTHY NOBLES, OF CALIFORNIA
 PATRICK RAYMOND O'REILLY, OF CONNECTICUT
 DAVID D. POTTER, OF SOUTH DAKOTA
 VANGALA S. RAM, OF CALIFORNIA
 ERIC NATHAN RICHARDSON, OF MICHIGAN
 TAYLOR VINSON RUGGLES, OF VIRGINIA
 THOMAS LEONARD SCHMITZ, OF SOUTH DAKOTA
 JONATHAN L.A. SHRIER, OF FLORIDA
 STEPHANIE FAYE SYPTAK, OF TEXAS
 MARK TESONE, OF CALIFORNIA
 HEATHER ROACH VARIAVA, OF IOWA
 MICHAEL ANTHONY VEASY, OF TENNESSEE
 GLENN STEWART WARREN, OF CALIFORNIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND STATE TO BE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND/OR SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS INDICATED:

CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DENA J. AYERVAIS, OF VIRGINIA
 GREGORY J. BACHMAN, OF VIRGINIA
 JUSTIN E. BAER, OF MARYLAND
 BRIAN J. BARNA, OF VIRGINIA
 JANICE M. BRUCE, OF MARYLAND
 MONICA BARRAGAN-SMITH, OF VIRGINIA
 DAVID N. BAYNARD, OF VIRGINIA
 KIMBERLY M. BLOUNT, OF MARYLAND
 DAN R. BOLL, OF VIRGINIA
 VICKY A. BURGESS, OF VIRGINIA
 CHRISTINE A. CAMPBELL, OF FLORIDA
 ROBERT MICHAEL CAMPIONE, OF VIRGINIA
 JANICE K. CHRISTIANSEN, OF VIRGINIA
 RICHARD N. COLLINS, OF CONNECTICUT
 NANCY L. CULLINAN, OF VIRGINIA
 JOSEPHINE J. DUMM, OF VIRGINIA
 CHRISTIAN A. EADES, OF MARYLAND
 ANGELA K. ENG, OF VIRGINIA
 ROGER M. ERVIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 TODD C. PAULK, OF VIRGINIA
 MARY SUSAN GALIARDI, OF VIRGINIA
 THOMAS C. GEDDES, OF VIRGINIA
 KELLY A. GEORGE, OF VIRGINIA
 KURT B. HALLBERG, OF VIRGINIA
 MALCOLM E. HARRISON, OF VIRGINIA
 EDEN HEINSHEIMER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 FINN HOLM-OLSEN, OF VIRGINIA
 CHRISTOPHER C. INTAGLIATA, OF VIRGINIA
 JOHN H. JACOBS, OF MARYLAND
 DEBBIE ANN JAMES, OF MARYLAND
 TRACY A. KAHN, OF VIRGINIA
 DAVID L. KELLER, OF VIRGINIA
 SAMUEL R. KOZLOFF, OF FLORIDA
 MICHAEL J. KRESSE, OF VIRGINIA
 CYNTHIA ANN LANDRUM, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 PAUL D. LENSINK, OF VIRGINIA
 R. SHANE LINDER, OF VIRGINIA
 ROBERT F. LITVIK, OF VIRGINIA
 GEOFFREY H. LYON, OF VIRGINIA
 CHRISTOPHER M. MARTIN, OF VIRGINIA

MARTIN J. MC ANDREW, OF VIRGINIA
 STEPHEN N. MCFARLAND, OF VIRGINIA
 PAULO MENDES, OF MARYLAND
 PILAR MILLER, OF VIRGINIA
 STEVEN MARK MOUTON, OF VIRGINIA
 CHARLES BENJAMIN NANTZ, III, OF VIRGINIA
 DANIEL J. O'CONNOR, OF VIRGINIA
 RENEE D. ODEN, OF VIRGINIA
 CATERINA C. PANOS, OF MARYLAND
 SHEETAL T. PATEL, OF VIRGINIA
 ROBERT P. PEACOCK, OF VIRGINIA
 SUSAN M. PEARSON, OF VIRGINIA
 D. GEOFFREY PECK, OF VIRGINIA
 LEIGH CLARE POWELL, OF VIRGINIA
 KENNETH B. REIDBORD, OF PENNSYLVANIA
 JAMES C. RIGASSIO, OF NEW JERSEY
 JOHN SCOTT RITCHIE, OF VIRGINIA
 DAVID WAYNE ROCHE, OF VIRGINIA
 CYNTHIA S. RODRIGUEZ-KNOX, OF MARYLAND
 KATHLEEN F. SCHMIDT, OF VIRGINIA
 SALLY J. SCHNEIDER, OF VIRGINIA
 BONNIE J. SKOVLIN-HUELLER, OF VIRGINIA
 ANNETTE L. SOWARD, OF VIRGINIA
 MAREN SMITH, OF VIRGINIA
 VICTORIA STEWART-MOORE, OF MARYLAND
 E. JEAN SWINDLE, OF VIRGINIA
 LEONARD EDWARD TAGG, OF VIRGINIA
 NICHOLAS TERRIGNO, OF VIRGINIA
 JAMES R. THOMPSON, III, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 RICHARD M. TIMBERLAKE, OF VIRGINIA
 DAVID S. WISENANT, OF VIRGINIA
 MINOY WIREN, OF VIRGINIA
 RUSSELL G. WOODY, OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT STATE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 18, 1992:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

LEO R. WOLLEMBORG, OF NEW YORK

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, AND FOR APPOINTMENT AS A CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 28, 1993:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, AND CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

ARLYNE E. HEERLEIN, OF OHIO

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1994:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

JAMES T.L. DANDRIDGE, II, OF ALABAMA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 28, 1994:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

DANIEL MCGAFFIE, OF CALIFORNIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 7, 1997:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

CHRISTINE DEBORAH SHELLY, OF FLORIDA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 21, 1999:

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

MARGARET M. DEAN, OF ILLINOIS

JOHN SEABURY FORD, OF OHIO

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 21, 1999:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

NANCY MORGAN SERPA, OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. JAMES F. BARNETTE, 0000
 BRIG. GEN. GILBERT R. DARDIS, 0000
 BRIG. GEN. DAVID B. POYTHRESS, 0000
 BRIG. GEN. JOSEPH K. SIMEONE, 0000
 BRIG. GEN. RICHARD E. SPOONER, 0000
 BRIG. GEN. STEVEN W. THU, 0000
 BRIG. GEN. BRUCE F. TUXILL, 0000

To be brigadier general

COL. SHELBY G. BRYANT, 0000
 COL. KENNETH R. CLARK, 0000
 COL. GREGORY B. GARDNER, 0000
 COL. JOHN B. HANDY, 0000
 COL. JON D. JACOBS, 0000
 COL. CLIFTON W. LESLIE, JR., 0000
 COL. JOHN A. LOVE, 0000
 COL. DOUGLAS R. MOORE, 0000
 COL. EUGENE A. SEVL, 0000
 COL. DAVID E.B. STROHM, 0000
 COL. HARRY M. WYATT, III, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 3069 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE II, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES:

To be brigadier general, nurse corps

COL. WILLIAM T. BESTER, 0000

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive Nominations Confirmed by the Senate February 24, 2000:

THE JUDICIARY

KERMIT BYE, OF NORTH DAKOTA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT.

GEORGE B. DANIELS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.